

CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, October 1, 2012
The Center of Clayton – Multipurpose Room C

The following members were present:

Ira Berkowitz	Michelle Harris
Brad Bernstein	Eric Schneider
Mimi Deem	Mark Stapleton
Marguerite Garrick	Melanie Tamsky

Excused/Absent:

Laurel Harrington
Darryl Higuchi
Andrea Maddox-Dallas

Also Present:

Patty DeForrest

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the September meeting were approved as written.

Addresses from the Audience: There were no addresses from the audience.

Oak Knoll Playground: Ms. DeForrest informed the Commission that the Parks and Recreation Department is prepared to apply for a playground grant which would assist with funding the Oak Knoll Park playground. She showed the Commission three playground concepts designed by Hutchinson Recreation and Design Company. Ms. DeForrest explained that the plan is to narrow the selection to one concept which will incorporate a piece of each of the designs. Once the concept is combined, a new design will be presented to the Commission. The playground will have swings, slides, tunnels and a fort. The playground, built primarily for children ages 2-5, will be fenced in and completely inclusive. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$300,000, with the city applying for a \$135,000 Municipal Park Grant. Further, the new tenant at the Child Care Center in Oak Knoll Park has agreed to pay for half of the cost and the fence. The City will fund the remaining five percent. The playground project will only go out to bid if it is ninety-five percent funded.

Mr. Berkowitz made a motion to move forward with applying for Municipal Park Grant funds for the Oak Knoll Playground. Ms. Deem seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Director's Report: Ms. DeForrest stated that the application for a request to name the Shaw Park Dive Tank in honor of Wally H. Lundt was unanimously approved by the Mayor and Board of Alderman (BOA).

Project Updates: Ms. DeForrest distributed the August 27 Shaw Park Corporate Pavilion Park Site Plan to the Commission. She explained that the latest design work on the pavilion site layout is going well; the piers are elevated off of the ground, it looks great from the hillside, recycled stone will be used in the retaining walls and wood from tree removals will be used in the structure to make it sustainable. Furthermore, there will be a green roof on the restroom facility and a living wall behind it. Christner is going to ARB on Monday, October 15, presenting to the BOA and Commission in November, then the project will go out to bid by the end of the year.

The bids came back from the Hanley House porch and Shaw Park Recreational Trail. The Hanley House porch bid is slightly over budget but staff has been working with the contractors to lower the cost. The Shaw Park Recreational Trail bids were all very good bids that came in slightly under budget. Both proposals will be presented to the BOA on Tuesday, October 9. There will be a trail ground breaking celebration on Tuesday, October 30 at 10:00 am at the South Shelter.

Ms. DeForrest said she received a commitment from the funder to move forward with the master plan overlay project. The master plan overlay will provide the Clayton Century Foundation (CCF) with nice story boards to use when fundraising. Irrigation may be included in the plan. A steering committee will be formed to work on the master plan overlay; two Commission members will need to serve on the

committee. Ms. DeForrest asked that anyone interested in serving on that committee contact Mimi to express their interest.

The Tennis Center grand re-opening celebration went well. Staff is experiencing some issues with the fences. The issues are being addressed by the contractor. The City is considering having a Tennis Pro or a contractor operate the Tennis Center in the future.

In November, Korey Golcynski from the Clayton Police Department will speak at the meeting. The Aquatic staff will present the Shaw Park Aquatic Center report, as well.

Centennial celebration planning is underway. *Clayton: An Urban Story* books were pre-ordered and books are now for sale at The Center. Half of what was preordered were sold. The idea of selling them early is to get the community talking about the City's upcoming centennial celebration.

Ms. DeForrest reported that she attended C the Future - Clayton's Strategic Planning Process meetings. One of the focus areas was the importance of Clayton being a livable community. In the initial meeting there were twelve areas of concentration and it was narrowed down to four: livable community, economic development of downtown Clayton, strategic relationships, and exceptional City services. Simple items such as Wi-Fi in Shaw Park and having more movie nights in the parks are items that can be implemented easily, but it is a matter of funding. Ms. DeForrest recommended reading the planning process on the City's website.

Old Business / New Business: Mr. Bernstein noted that the cardboard recycling bins and mulch were no longer at the south end of Shaw Park. Ms. DeForrest explained that the City is trying to move mulch away from the new trailhead. The recycle bins were removed after research showed that large companies were overfilling the bins on a regular basis and that, with single stream recycling being widely available to the community, it was no longer necessary to utilize park parking areas for this purpose.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted By:

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